

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2531 - HB 2692**

February 11, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, to fund an additional 20 grant programs for early childhood education.

Presently, the Department of Education is authorized to establish early childhood pilot programs for children below the poverty line through a system of competitive grants.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$1,960,000**

- Assumes the grants would be strictly a state appropriation since the bill requires no local match.
- The Department of Education indicates that there are presently 22 grantees with a total of 30 classrooms.
- Assumes a cost of \$98,000 per classroom with 20 children per classroom.
- If each grant were for one classroom, the estimated cost would be \$1,960,000 (\$98,000 x 20 programs).

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director